

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

FOSTER FARMS DAIRY,

No. C-03-02426 MJJ (EDL)

Plaintiff,

**ORDER RE: PRODUCTION OF
DOCUMENTS LODGED IN CAMERA**

v.

ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

On March 28, 2006, the Court held a hearing on Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Further Responses to Discovery and a Witness for Deposition. At issue in that motion was, *inter alia*, production of portions of Defendant's Claims Manual. Defendant lodged the Claims Manual for in camera review.

The Court has reviewed the Claims Manual and grants Plaintiff's motion to compel production of the Manual as follows. Chapters 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8 of the Casualty section of the Manual shall be produced to Plaintiff. Chapter 6 of that section shall also be produced, with the exception of the sections entitled, "Mandatory Referrals - Litigation & Employment Law," and "Litigation & Employment Law Referral Criteria Comments." Defendant need not produce the Property section. In ordering this production, the Court erred on the side of production of documents that could possibly lead to admissible evidence regarding the handling of a claim like the one in this case, even if they were not directly related to that issue. The documents shall be treated as confidential and

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1 used solely for this litigation.

2 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

3 Dated: March 30, 2006

Elizabeth D. Laporte

ELIZABETH D. LAPORTE
United States Magistrate Judge